

**REMARKS AND ARGUMENTS**

The examiner has requested restriction of the above identified application between five (5) groups of inventions, asserting that each group is patentably distinct from the other.

The applicant hereby elects (without prejudice to the right to file any divisional application) the invention of group 1, namely claims 1 to 5.

With the present, the applicant also wishes to make some amendments to the claims. In particular the applicant wishes to add new dependent claims 13, and 14. For support, please see page 15, lines 22 to 26; page 21, line 19, respectively.

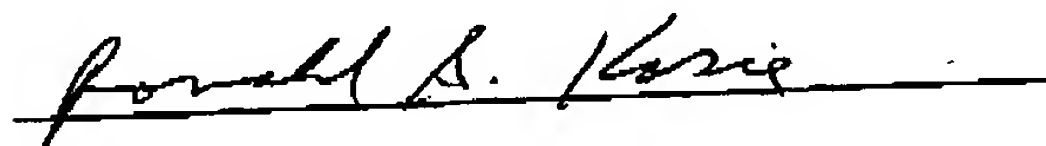
As mentioned above, the applicant has by separate letter petitioned for a two (2) month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office Letter, namely up to and including September 22, 2004. If any further extension of time is necessary, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby petitioned for such an extension and may charge any necessary fees to our Deposit Account no. 02-3980.

If any further fee, whatsoever, with respect to the present application is due, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is in any event hereby authorized to charge such further amount to our Deposit Account no. 02-3980.

In light of the foregoing amendments and comments, favourable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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